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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on June 15 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

On May 17, 2004, appellant filed a Reply Brief (Paper No.22). A review of the file reveals that the Reply Brief needs to be considered by the examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.197 and 1.198. A communication notifying appellant of the primary examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for consideration of the Reply Brief, notification to applicant of considered and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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